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1. A large new military encampment, on which construction was begun in 1951, has sprung up in the province of Olsztyn (Allenstein), north of the road and railroad line between Nidzica (Neidenburg) and Wielbark (Willenberg). The camp is about 8 square kilometers in area and includes the villages of Muszaki (Muschaken), Ulesie (Ulleschen), Retkowo (Rettkowen), Puchalowo (Puchullowen) and Rudary (Jaegersdorf), from which villages the civilian population was evacuated, mostly to Nowa Huta (Krakow), during a six-month period. Soldiers are now located in all of the aforementioned towns and in a new "camp", consisting of at least 60 various wooden and brick barracks, which has been constructed along the Muszaki - Ulesie road. Many civilian buildings in the encampment area have been destroyed and others have been adapted for military purposes. Parts of this military encampment, which includes flat terrain, forests, marshes and hilly terrain in the southwestern part, have been enclosed by barbed wire and other fencing, including the part located along the Nidzica - Wielbark road, and warning signs bearing such inscriptions as "military area, entrance forbidden to non-authorized personnel", have been erected at various other places. Foot patrols and patrols mounted on bicycles are also known to guard the area.
2. In addition to the permanent garrison of this military encampment, which consists of two infantry battalions and two artillery battalions, various artillery units, such as field artillery regiments, antiaircraft units, and antitank units, and some infantry regiments have been arriving in the camp during 1953 from such localities as Przasnysz, Mlawa, Brodnica, Dzialdowo, Lubawa, Olsztynek (Hohenstein), Olsztyn, and Szczytno (Ortelsburg) to participate in joint firing exercises. These units may remain at the encampment for periods of several weeks or even months. The airforce from the Szymany airfield, located midway between Szczytno and Wielbark, has also participated in these exercises with the infantry and artillery units.

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Furthermore, paratroopers have engaged in jumping exercises over Camp Muszaki. These paratroopers are transported by trucks from the encampment to the Szymany airfield where they board planes, consisting of large transport planes and gliders drawn by propeller driven planes, mostly fighters. Lastly, [REDACTED]

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